General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 379

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND VALUE TAXATION PILOT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the
2   Office of Policy and Management shall establish a land value taxation
3   pilot program in a single municipality. To be eligible for the program a
4   municipality shall (1) be a distressed municipality, as defined in
5   subsection (b) of section 32-9p of the general statutes; (2) have a
6   population of not more then twenty-six thousand; and (3) have a city
7   manager and city council form of government. The secretary shall
8   establish an application procedure and any other criteria for the
9   program. The secretary shall not select a municipality to participate in
10 the pilot program unless the legislative body of the municipality has
11 approved the application. The secretary shall send a notice of selection
12 for the pilot program to the chief executive officer of the municipality.

13   (b) By ordinance adopted by its legislative body, a municipality
14 selected for the program, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
15 (b) of section 12-62a of the general statutes, may (1) classify real estate
16 as (A) land or land exclusive of buildings, or (B) buildings on land; and
17 (2) establish a different rate of property tax for each class, provided the
18 higher rate shall apply to land or land exclusive of buildings. Such
19 ordinance shall be adopted not more than one year after receipt of the
20 notice of selection provided by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
21 Management under subsection (a) of this section. The municipality

22 shall send a copy of the ordinance to the secretary.

23 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
24 establish criteria for submission to said secretary of periodic reports
25 from the selected municipality on implementation of the pilot
26 program.

27 (d) The pilot program shall terminate five years after the effective
28 date of the ordinance adopted under subsection (b) of this section.

29 (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
30 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
32 development on progress of the program on or before January 15,
33 2010, and annually thereafter, until termination of the program under
34 subsection (d) of this section. Such report shall be submitted in
35 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

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